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PSC APPROVES TERRITORIAL AGREEMENT

Jefferson City (August 28, 2002)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved a territorial agreement between The Empire District Electric Company and Southwest Electric Cooperative which designates the service areas for each electric supplier near the southern boundary of the City of Strafford in Greene County.

The territorial agreement displaces competition between Empire and Southwest Electric Cooperative in two parcels of land near the present south city limits of Strafford, Missouri. The agreement will not result in any customers experiencing a change of supplier.

The Commission's order approving the agreement states: "The Commission finds that the Applicants are capable of adequately and safely serving the customers in their respective areas. The Commission further finds that the overall effect of the proposed territorial agreement would not be harmful to ratepayers, and that the agreement would promote efficiency and safety."

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